

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: **Pryor**

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor the 2009 Class of Beautillion Militaire.

Whereas, there are many obstacles facing African American males earning college degrees, including financial limitations, the absence of black men as role models, and low expectations from teachers and other adults, and

Whereas, in 1986, the 100 Black Men of Indianapolis joined Jack and Jill of America, INC., and Indianapolis Chapter to address these obstacles through the Beautillion Militaire program, and

Whereas, the program is a 16-week rite of passage program for young men in grades 11-12 in Central Indiana public and private schools, and

Whereas, the purpose of this program is to increase academic achievement, personal development, civic



engagement, ethnic pride, and leadership skills by surrounding the program participants (Beaus) with positive role models and mentors, and

Whereas, the program serves Beaus who meet weekly for sessions on healthy living, goal setting, public speaking, personal finance, business etiquette, and legal rights, and

Whereas, the Beaus are provided extensive information about diverse career options and have the opportunity to interact with professionals from organizations and community leaders, and

Whereas, the following Beaus of the 2009 Class of Beautillion Militaire are honored for their participation: Adrian Arnett-Smith, Lavon Bartlett, Harold Bonner, Cameron Bridgewater, Myron Burr, Brett Conn, Bradley Covington, Nigel Dowdy, Ortney Edwards, Soloman Ervin, Jordan Gaither, Aaron Gardner, Marc Hardy, Jamel Hill, Christopher Hines, Andre Jiles, Treyonce Johnston, Kyle Jones, Jarel Lashley, Brendon Lewis, Aaron Maxey, Dorian Mays, Reginald Nesbit, Morgan Newton, David Nixon, Derwyn Overton, JaMarious Phillips, Marcus Reynolds, Quincy Roberson, Kyle Scott, Lerone Simmons, Arron Smith, Andre Stennette-Harrod, Nikolas Trabue, Brandon Turner, Robert Walker, Jr., Frank Williams, Kevin Williams, Julius Winters, Cameron Wright, Jeremy Wright, and Jermaine Wright.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives honor participants of the 2009 Class of Beautillion Militaire.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the 100 Black Men of Indianapolis, Jack and Jill of America, INC., and Indianapolis Chapter.

